

he turned 9 years old. But, he refused to live his life as a victim. His childhood under Jim Crow spurred an adulthood spent as a champion of justice. He led protests against American Nazism and discrimination of all kinds. He was jailed for his activities, but he never stopped standing up for his beliefs. He went on to organize and lead the 43,000 Philadelphians who joined Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Mr. Evans founded and led the American Foundation for Negro Affairs and the multi-ethnic Family of Leaders. He was a visionary and champion of the right to a decent education, decent housing and justice for all.

But, more than anything, Sam Evans was a friend and a mentor to anyone who walked through his door. He never refused anyone who sought the benefit of his wisdom and experience. I spent many hours learning from him myself. I am proud to call myself a follower of Sam Evans.

Sam is resting now. I know that he and his beloved Edna are swapping stories about Retha and the grandkids, great-grandkids and great-great-grandkids. We will miss you, Sam. But, after 105 years of hard work on this Earth, we will never feel that you are gone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, due to other Congressional business, I unfortunately missed recorded votes on the House floor on Wednesday, June 18th.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 419, 420, 421, and 422.

RECOGNIZING THE 2008 CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS FROM MISSISSIPPI

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2008 Congressional Award Gold Medal from the state of Mississippi. I had the honor of meeting them at this morning's ceremony and it is with tremendous pride that I announce that so many young Americans from the great state of Mississippi have achieved such a distinction. Countless hours of community service by these dedicated young adults has left a tremendous impact on local communities across the state.

It is my pleasure to recognize Michelle Jade Gourley of Mathiston, Mississippi, Laura Kay Owen of Slatton, Mississippi, Brittany Simpson of New Albany, Mississippi, Iver O'Neal Vandiver II of Corinth, Mississippi, Nolan Webb of Water Valley, Mississippi, Jonathan Paul Whitlock of Iuka, Mississippi, Bradley Ragan Young of Corinth, Mississippi, Lynice Michelle Higgins of Hazlehurst, Mississippi,

Thomas Chadwick Kazery of Jackson, Mississippi, Tiffany Holder of Starkville, Mississippi, Amanda Layton of Magee, Mississippi, Holly Webb of Forrest, Mississippi, and Kaylee Keith of Laurel, Mississippi as recipients of the 2008 Congressional Award Gold Medal.

On behalf of the state of Mississippi, I am honored to offer our deepest appreciation to these young men and women for their selfless acts of service and self-discipline.

HONORING REVEREND JAMES CHILDS

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2008

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Reverend James Childs for a distinguished career in the ministry that has spanned 50 years. As Reverend Childs transitions from head pastor to his role as Senior Pastor of Pointe of Praise Family Life Center in Kingston New York, I would like to recognize and thank him for his tremendous leadership as one of our region's most respected and passionate men of faith. I also wish to congratulate him on the occasion of his 70th birthday, another significant milestone.

Raised by his grandparents, Jim graduated from Kingston High School and began his professional career with IBM. His drive, determination and unwavering faith helped him to advance from mail clerk to department manager. During the ensuing years, Jim served his country, married his lovely wife Dorothy, became a father, deepened his spirituality and found the strength to enroll in the Nyack Missionary College to pursue his devotion to God.

I have even had the distinct pleasure of watching as Reverend Childs has grown even beyond his eloquent sermons and commitment to ideals to become a man of action. His involvement in our community is extensive. He has worked tirelessly to address disparity in many segments of our society including housing, education, and healthcare. He has served on numerous boards and his ministries have assisted migrant workers, food pantries and the youth of our towns and neighborhoods. Reverend Childs has been a tremendous force, powered by his sense of deep commitment to being a living example of what he preaches.

Madam Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate Reverend Childs and his family on his 50 years in the ministry. I offer my very best wishes to him and his wife Dorothy as they begin this new chapter in their lives, along with my deep appreciation for his inspiration, dedication and hard work for the past 50 years. As the new Senior Pastor of Pointe of Praise Family Life Center, I am confident Reverend Childs will continue to contribute in many ways to the church and community as a whole.

IN MEMORY OF LANCE CORPORAL LAYTON BRADLY CRASS

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a brave young Hoosier who served his country honorably in Iraq and Afghanistan. I was deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Lance Corporal Layton Bradley Crass of Richmond, Indiana, one of four Marines who perished in the wake of a roadside bombing in southwestern Afghanistan's Farah Province on Saturday, June 14, 2008.

Lance Cpl. Crass served in G Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, based in Twentynine Palms, California. He was serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, where his unit was helping to train and mentor the Afghan national police.

The three Marine Corps values are honor, courage and commitment. They make up the bedrock of the character of each individual Marine. These values, handed down from generation to generation, have made the U.S. Marine Corps the most respected and revered fighting force on Earth. Lance Cpl. Crass personified these values and continued that proud tradition as a Rifleman who served his country bravely in combat.

In addition to the posthumous awards that he will receive because he died in the line of duty, Lance Cpl. Crass was the recipient of seven awards since he enlisted in the Marine Corps in June 2005. He earned ribbons for combat action and two sea service deployments, as well as campaign medals for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Lance Cpl. Crass, and I wish to express my profound sadness to the community of Richmond, which is struggling to cope with the loss of a second young man in only a few short months. Just as Lance Cpl. Crass embodied the Marine motto—Semper Fidelis, "Always Faithful"—let us also be faithful to extend a helping hand to his family, friends and community, and remember them in our thoughts and prayers.

HONORING BECKY SNETHEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Becky Snethen of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Becky is active in the community through work and in her spare time and she has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Support Services.

Becky Snethen may have started out as a part-time scorekeeper for a basketball league at InterServ, but 25 years later she is the Agency Administrative Assistant, in charge of Human Resources, and helps manage the youth programs while the director is on leave. She keeps the Executive Director and Youth Director organized and informed, and organizes trips for youth groups to travel all over

the world to participate in Olympic competitions. Becky coordinates large local sporting events including Summer Jam Basketball, two Olympic Trials held in the Civic Arena, and many national and regional weightlifting meets.

Even though her workload is tremendous, she finds time every day to be in the youth center and be available to anyone who wants to talk because helping youth is her passion. Becky's excellence at work earned her the InterServ Warren Metcalf Award as the most valuable agency employee. Also, she has been recognized as one of the "20 People Who Count" by the St. Joseph NewsPress. Becky is dedicated not only to helping her co-workers, but also to making sure the center can be as helpful as possible to the community. She opened the building during a snow storm, shoveled the walks, works late, works evenings, comes in on weekends, and always assists with any event that is going on agency-wide.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Becky Snethen. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ANNE CLARK MARTINDELL

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Anne Clark Martindell, former American Ambassador to New Zealand and New Jersey State Senator, who died last week at the age of 93. Her lifetime of public service is worth honoring here, because she was not only an outstanding public servant, a generous benefactor of good causes, and a talented and gracious woman, but she proved that it's never too late to show your mettle, to be your best self and to use your ability and drive to make the world a better place.

Born into a family of means in 1914, Anne Clark lived a comfortable and sheltered life. She attended private schools and entered Smith College in 1932. She took to higher education immediately and decided that she would go on to law school. When she told this to her father, who by the way was a prominent attorney who later became a Federal Judge, he demanded that she leave school, because "no man would want to marry an educated woman!"

Anne returned to Princeton, married George C. Scott, Jr. shortly thereafter and the couple had a daughter and two sons. This marriage ended in divorce and she later married Jackson Martindell, publisher of Who's Who. This marriage produced another son, Roger Martindell, who carries on the tradition of community service as a member of the Princeton Borough governing body, and is my friend and neighbor.

The dormant seed of her desire to make a difference, to do more, to participate in the betterment of the community, came alive—was fertilized—by her strong opposition to the conditions surrounding our involvement in the Vietnam War. When Anne Martindell's brother, the journalist Blair Clark, became Eugene McCarthy's campaign manager in 1968, she began to raise money for the campaign in

New Jersey and was selected as a delegate to the tumultuous 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago.

Anne Martindell liked to say she never did anything real until she was in her 50's. She was 54 years of age when she began her political career. On her return home from the convention, where she had been recognized as one with the ability to clearly articulate her strong opinions and to fearlessly champion what was, at that convention an unpopular point of view, she was asked to serve as Vice Chair of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee.

The (always) female Vice Chair of the party was considered at that time a mere figurehead, but that was not Anne Martindell's style. She is legendary for having arrived at a meeting of the male power brokers where she was told she wasn't welcome, because they used salty language that she wouldn't like. "I don't give a blank (here insert your favorite 4 letter word) what kind of language you use", she said, "I'm coming in."

Anne Martindell was asked to run for State Senate in 1973, in what had been traditionally a Republican district. She won the election, making her one of the first women to serve in New Jersey's upper house.

It was a very different world when Anne Martindell went to the New Jersey legislature (an example of which was that women were so little thought of in the Legislature, that there still were only men's rooms in both Chambers and caucus rooms—the women legislators used the public facilities). Although fathers did not still think higher education would spoil their daughters' chances at marriage, there was still a lot to be done to support and increase women's participation in community life. She worked on primarily women's issues, education, and the environment. She served as Chair of the Education Committee and a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee. As Chair of the Budget Subcommittee for Higher Education, she sponsored a law to increase loans for higher education. She wanted to make it more available to those who didn't have the means, but had the desire and thirst for more learning. She understood that very well.

She also continued to show her feisty side by introducing a resolution stating that it was the sense of the New Jersey Senate that enough evidence was available to institute impeachment of the President and that Congress ought to get on with it.

She was a Carter delegate to the 1976 Democratic National Convention and campaigned vigorously for him in New Jersey. After his election, she left her Senate seat and became director of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), part of the State Department's Agency for International Development. In 1979 she was nominated for the ambassadorship to New Zealand and Western Samoa and served in that capacity until 1981.

She was the first female ambassador to New Zealand and once again ran into some resistance, but her political instincts, coupled with grace and charm, endeared her to the people and she in turn treated them with respect and affection. It was in New Zealand that she met the man she called "the love of my life"—the New Zealand painter Sir Tossell Wollaston and they remained close until his death in 1998.

Last year, at the age of 92, she returned to Auckland, New Zealand to attend a meeting of the Partnership Forum and was greeted with

great warmth. The American Ambassador in New Zealand has hailed her this week as one whose legacy as Ambassador lives on in the hearts of the people.

But then, Anne Martindell was always doing extraordinary things. And she didn't like to leave things undone. So it was no surprise to her friends when a decade ago she re-enrolled at Smith College, attended classes, studied with students who could have been her great-grandchildren, and graduated in 2002 at the age of 87. In honor of her outstanding life and work, she got her undergraduate degree along with an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Poetic justice, don't you think?

Annie Martindell is mourned by her family: daughter, Margery Luther of Ann Arbor Michigan, sons, George C. Scott III of Richmond, Virginia; David C. Scott of Princeton, and Roger Martindell, 9 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and a brother, J. William Clark of Great Barrington Massachusetts. She is also mourned by her many friends in Princeton, and throughout New Jersey, and across the broad swath of lives she has touched.

Anne Martindell was on a book signing tour for her new book—the appropriate title of which is *Never Too Late*—when she was stricken with her last illness. It breaks my heart to think she will never get a chance to autograph my copy. I will miss her phone calls with good advice, her strong opinions on current events, and her ease of friendship. Anne Clark Martindell has taught us all a valuable lesson about opportunities and readiness to recognize a call to action whenever it appears in our lives. And it is never too late to take that message to heart.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ALVIN LADY JACKETS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Alvin Lady Jackets softball team on becoming the first fourth seed softball team in Texas history to win the University Interscholastic League Championship.

One factor behind the Lady Jackets success was head coach Carla Newsom's determination to make sure her team found the silver lining in every seemingly dark cloud. For example, when the Lady Jackets lost the first game of a best of three series in the regional semi-final, Coach Newsom told the team to be thankful for the loss for two reasons. First, they could now wear their "dress white" uniforms in the next games; and second, and most importantly, they no longer had to eat spaghetti with meatballs for their pre-game meal.

The team adopted the Journey song "Don't Stop Believing" as their anthem. The girls sang the song before, during, and after the games throughout the playoffs. On the night of the final game for the State Championship, the first game of the evening lasted 15 long innings, delaying the start of the Lady Jackets' game by almost two hours. As they were waiting in their dugout for their time, the Lady